

***Regular Meeting***  
***Recreation Commission***  
***Borough of Rumson***

November 20, 2019

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01PM.**

- Present: Commissioners; Kerry Chandler, Chairman; Mike Cecil; Dorothy Whitehouse; Adam Cavise; Jon Levine; and Irene Hall.

Borough Council; Laura Atwell, Council President

Recreation Director; Kevin Delia.

Communications and Recreation Coordinator; Eric Paone-Hurd.

- Not Present: Commissioner; Michael Ingrassia  
Borough Council; Rob Swikart.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- The minutes from the October 16<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written were approved by Kerry Chandler and seconded by Mike Cecil. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Dan Coggeshall, Rumson Soccer Club Coordinator was present to discuss the fall season for the travel soccer teams and some future ideas regarding the club. He said that the club decided to use a different vendor for uniforms and equipment and the parents designed a new logo for the uniforms and patches. Dan went on to discuss the administrative things that go on behind the scenes with fees being paid up front, the leveling of competition with each team and the pre-season clinic for the 9u kids prior to their initial tryouts. He continued with the inclusion of in-season evaluations for the kids on each team. There was additional conversations concerning the scheduling conflicts with other programs, greater trainer usage and creating teams for the 8u division in the future.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR**

- The treasures report for July and August was provided by Helen Graves, Borough of Rumson CFO to the Recreation Commission.

- Eric Paone-Hurd gave an update on the social media work that he has focused on during his first few months working with the Borough of Rumson. He provided details on the community engagement through the borough and recreation social media outlets as well.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission about the seminar he and Eric Paone-Hurd attended concerning school safety and recreation programming. He explained that the door monitor position for rec and travel basketball would be manned on game days by a special 1 police officer to help with the school security during recreation events.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Kevin Delia explained the reason behind altering the fall field scheduling with field hockey. He said that the program was so popular that there were too many kids on a field at one time. This in turn caused a conflict with rec soccer with this girl's age division.
- Kevin Delia reminded the Recreation Commissioners of the upcoming schedule for the basketball coaches meetings and hands-on clinic.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission that this year we would go back to having basketballs stored at the schools and providing t-shirts to each participant.
- Kevin Delia explained to the Recreation Commission why the 8<sup>th</sup> grade winter conditioning program has been cancelled again. He said it's due to not having the water tank training room available at CBA and not having enough time available in the rowing machine room at RFH to accommodate the middle school age kids.
- Kevin Delia provided the Recreation Commissioners with a list of the 2019 spring registration fees for baseball, softball and girls lacrosse programs. He asked if the commission would like to raise fees for the upcoming spring or keep the fees the same as the list he provided. Mike Cecil made a motion to keep the fees the same for the spring 2020 registration period for the recreation programs of baseball, softball and girls lacrosse. Kerry Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia provided an update on the field maintenance that would be done at Meadow Ridge East. He received quotes to re-sod left field to center field but that would be closed for spring season for field sports of lacrosse and travel soccer. He went on to explain the work that was done at Meadow Ridge Center and what is in the plans for Meadow Ridge West.
- Kevin Delia provided an update on the Annual Halloween Party which was held inside at Forrestdale Middle School Cafeteria due to the weather. He said it was well attended for being inside and he thanked the Recreation Commissioners for their help in setting up and staying to supervise the volunteers.
- Kerry Chandler brought up the Veteran's Day event at Victory Park and how great the guest speaker was at conveying his message to the community regarding volunteering. She added that it is something that everyone should try to attend in the future.
- Kevin Delia brought up possibly combining the baseball parade and the Memorial Day Parade. He said it would be something to discuss at the February Recreation Commission meeting.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at Victory Park at 5pm.

- Kerry Chandler suggested to create a sub-committee to establish a uniform policy for all travel sports for communications and expectations for coaches and parents prior to committing. Mike Cecil, Dorothy Whitehouse and Adam Cavise all volunteered to meet in January prior to the next regular meeting and present a format for such then.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commission to approve Tyler Duke as the 8u Rumson Travel Baseball coach for the spring 2020 season. Kevin added that the Tyler was recommended by the current group of travel baseball coaches and his child was invited to the final roster after the tryouts. Adam Cavise made a motion to approve Tyler Duke as the 8u travel baseball coach for the spring of 2020 season. Mike Cecil seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commission for clarity on the 10u 12u and 14u Travel Softball Team resident status. He said there was some confusion on the inclusion of Fair Haven residents. Kevin detailed the Recreation Commissions policy and provided the roster totals for each team. During open conversation it was stated that any exception granted prior to knowing how many Rumson children would tryout it might deter Rumson girls from trying out. All agreed to make no exception at this time and wait until the January Recreation Commission meeting to reevaluate.
- The Recreation Commission discussed adding a policy to discourage coaches from using unregistered players during the regular season and end of the season tournaments. Adam Cavise made a motion to suspend a coach immediately and for the remainder of that the season and will not be reinstated until approved to do so by the Recreation Commission for using non-program registered players. Jon Levine seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Dorothy Whitehouse asked if there was a possibility to hold a uniform drive for all the usable Rumson Recreation apparel that parents might have. Kevin Delia said he would look into the concerns there might be for doing so through the borough.

#### **PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session)**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session) – 8:54pm-9:38pm**

- The Recreation Commissioners went into closed session to discuss an incident from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> World Cup Soccer Tournament.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:45pm**

Adam Cavise made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Whitehouse. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia